

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and apparatus for monitoring encrypted communications in a network comprising: establishing a network monitoring digital contract with a network monitoring element, establishing a network use digital contract with a first and a second network element; and transmitting decrypting information to the network monitoring element for decrypting encrypted communications between the first network element and the second network element per terms in the network monitoring digital contract and the network use digital contract.

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